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Sir:

Applicant requests review of the final rejection. No amendments are being filed with this request. A notice of appeal accompanies this request.

The reference, U.S. Patent No. 5,668,857 (McHale), fails to satisfy the limitations of the claims. Specifically, as pointed out in the remarks on page 6 of the response filed June 27, 2006, the reference does not disclose, teach, or suggest the specific structures recited in independent claims 32, 38, and 41 ("a digital line unit, a remote line termination unit, a remote data terminal, a subscriber line interface circuit, or a digital subscriber line module"). Therefore, obviousness has not been established. Reconsideration is requested.

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